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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Unofficial Meeting for Coordination on the Polygraph

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- a. Navy Tech Representative: James Prescott
Navy Ops Representative: John Barron
- b. Air Force Tech Representative: Robert Byrne
Air Force Ops Representative: Mr. Branton
- c. Army Tech Representatives: Col. Sid Marvin
Dr. Bursh
Army Ops Representative: Robert Brisentine

2. The agenda included:

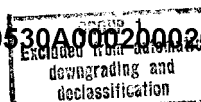
- a. a status review of R&D on the polygraph within the intelligence community;
- b. the status of the DD/R&E official committee;
- c. the role of the intelligence community with respect to liaison, formal committee, etc.
- d. information which should or could be made available to the DOD General Counsel;
- e. future actions.

Each member of the group gave a very brief description of their polygraph research. By and large it was brief through necessity, although in my case it was brief through choice. The DD/R&E committee would like me to attend their meetings, even though I am part of the intelligence side, after they have washed their dirty linen. I indicated I was not at all clear as to what benefits would accrue to DD/R&E or to CIA but that I would be

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willing to discuss this with them later if they so desire. It was agreed that this group to coordinate within the intelligence community would be informal. I indicated my willingness to discuss our research with other intelligence groups, provided their interests were real and not merely curious, and that this would be done on an individual basis only. I would not agree to disseminating our R&D reports or findings on a regular basis. I had nothing to offer with respect to advice to the General Counsel. No further actions are planned and no further meetings were scheduled.

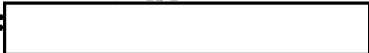
3. Dr. Davis, who is a very competent mathematician and very cooperative, appears to be in a coordinating role within DOD which is appropriate. She very much wishes to have our R&D efforts made available to DOD. I am not willing, however, to be embroiled in endless committee meetings but would prefer to use my judgment as to what information we pass to appropriate groups on a case by case basis. Although we are clearly way ahead of the pack on this problem, we should maintain some informal connection with their program where it appears to be of real mutual benefit.


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